



February 2023 Newsletter

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Wednesday, February 8th @ 7:00 PM
Faith Lutheran Church
Meeting Room (Rear)
2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA



We are now on Instagram!
Please follow us at [@forksartsociety](https://www.instagram.com/forksartsociety)



About Us

Contact and Info

For more information regarding FAAS:

Email: info@forksart.org

Website: www.forksart.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/forksareaartsociety Instagram: [@forksartsociety](https://www.instagram.com/forksartsociety)

2023 Membership Dues

We are now accepting 2023 dues for the Forks Area Art Society memberships. The cost is only \$20 per person or \$30 for a family. Sign up at one of our next events or by emailing us at info@forksart.org

FAAS Meeting Info

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th at 7 PM



The Forks Area Art Society's next monthly meeting will feature **Joe Malham** who will be presenting “**Creative Photography Fun**”. All attendees are invited to bring an item for “Show and Tell”. The meeting takes place **Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 PM in the Faith Lutheran Church Meeting Room (Rear), 2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA.**

Upcoming FAAS Meetings

March: David Berkner – Unusual/Abstract Art

April: Terry Newhard – Colorblind Artist

We are accepting requests from any area artist who would like to present at a future FAAS Meeting. You do not need previous presenting experience. FAAS will offer \$50 as well as a one-year membership (\$20 value) to anyone who presents. If you are interested in presenting, please contact us at info@forksart.org.

Bob Ross-style Painting Class

Hurry Only 1 or 2 Spaces Left: Chris Severn—Certified Bob Ross Instructor



If you ever wanted to try painting, particularly a Bob Ross painting, here is an excellent opportunity to learn! On **Saturday, February 4th** we will be hosting a **Bob Ross-style class** from **1:30 to 5 PM** in the **Faith Lutheran Church Community Room**, 2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton PA. The subject will be the mountain scene on the left.

The cost for the class is **\$59 (all supplies included)** with a portion of the proceeds going to the Forks Area Art Society. The class size is limited to 12 people. We will accept attendance on a first come/first serve basis. If the class fills and there is enough interest, we will announce when the next class will be available and allow the ones who didn't make the first class to register first. If you would like to participate in the class, please email us info@forksart.org and let us know. We will send registration/payment information out to those who do respond.

FAAS Cottage News

Call to Artists: “Quirky” Members Exhibit



Call to Artists: Our next exhibit at the **Cottage** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 12th, 19th and 26th** from 2 to 4 PM. The show is open to all members and the theme will be **“Quirky”**. Artists are encouraged to use their imagination to create unusual or “quirky” art for the show. The opening reception will be March 12th.

You must be a current FAAS member to display. The cost is free to members and we ask for a 15% donation from any sales made during the show. Each artist will be allowed to submit up to two (2) paintings. Please sign up at Wednesday's meeting or by emailing us at info@forksart.org The Cottage is located at 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA.

8th Annual Amp Up the Art

Details Coming Soon!



FAAS is finalizing the plans for our 2023 "Amp Up the Art" art-in-the-park festival. The date and times are still being discussed. We will provide information for registrations as well as the music and activities planned for the festival as soon as they are set.

Art Classes & Sessions at the Cottage

Sketch & Chat Sessions Are Back!!

“Sketch and Chat” sessions will once again be offered at the Cottage. The monthly sessions will be hosted by Viji Narasimhan. The first session will take place on **Thursday; February 16th from 1 to 3 PM** at the **Cottage, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton**. “Sketch and Chat” is an informal group session where fellow artists of all skill levels get together and sketch still life subjects, from an art book in our library, or anything else that may come to mind. Come out to the Cottage and join in the fun and conversation. Registration is not required. Free.

Charlie Hanson Sketch Sessions

The next Charlie Hanson Sketch Session will take place on **Monday, February 13th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM** at the **Cottage**. The model will be **Lilly Wunderly** and the theme will be **Valentines**. The cost is **\$10** to pay for the model. BYOS. Space is limited and reservations are required. The sketch sessions are open to artists of any skill level. Please contact Charlie at cthanson1948@gmail.com to reserve a space.

FAAS Writers Group Meeting @ Country Meadows

The FAAS **Writers Group meeting** hosted by Charlie Hanson is scheduled for the **First Thursday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00 PM** at **Country Meadows**. The group is for both new and established writers. The attendees share their very creative writings with each other every month. Contact Charlie for more information at cthanson1948@gmail.com. Free.

Cancer Support Group of the Lehigh Valley Art Classes



The next **FAAS/Cancer Support Group of the Lehigh Valley/Forks Area Art Society art classes** hosted by Dave Seiple will be on **hiatus until Spring**. The classes are open to the cancer patients and survivors as well as their families (no membership required). The classes include art or crafts that the attendees will make during the session.

If you are interested in participating in the classes or would like **to register** for the classes when they resume in Spring please email Dave at drsartist@gmail.com

Art & Fine Craft Classes – Instructor Opportunities

FAAS is offering any art and craft instructors the opportunity to provide classes at the Cottage. The instructors can set their fee for the classes. You will need to provide proof of Child Protection Training if teaching children or youth classes. If you are interested in providing a weekly, monthly, other(?) class please contact us at info@forksart.org for more information.

Area Art Groups/Events/Classes Info

The Gallery at St. John's Winter Show



The Gallery at St. John's "**Say Grace**" exhibit, featuring the unusual and creative works of **David Berkner**, continues **through Sunday, March 12th**. The gallery is open Sundays from 12 PM to 3 PM or by appointment. The show is free and open to the public. 330 Ferry St, Easton, PA 18042.

Arts Community of Easton (ACE) Monthly Meeting

The next **ACE meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM**. The subject is TBA. The meeting will take place at Lafayette College's Williams Center for the

Arts; 317 Hamilton St., Room 108, Easton PA. ACE Monthly Meetings are free and open to the public.

Lafayette Community Figure Drawing Group

The Lafayette Community Figure Drawing Group's Thursday Night Community Weekly Figure Drawing take place every Thursday evening from 6 to 8:45 PM weekly at a new location, the Williams Visual Arts Building (upstairs); 243 N. 3rd Street, Easton. These sessions are free (tips for the model are appreciated) and open to the community. Please contact Lauren Kindle for more information lauren@laurenkindle.com. And for updates regarding the sessions please visit their Facebook page at [Lafayette Community Figure Drawing Group | Facebook](#)

Additional Upcoming Events:

FAAS Members: we encourage you to share with us your art events. Please forward your event information to info@forksart.org for inclusion in our next newsletter by the 1st of each month. As the newsletter goes out around the end of the first week of the month, early event dates in a month can be included in the previous month's newsletters.

- **First Friday of Each Month: ArtsQuest's First Friday events at the Banana Factory; 6 to 9 PM; 25 W. 3rd Street, Bethlehem.** Special exhibitions and artists open studios plus more. Please visit the Banana Factory website for more info: www.bananafactory.org



Crayola Advisory Panel

Volunteers Needed: Children & Teenagers



Crayola is looking for volunteers for their **Advisory Panel**. It is a wonderful chance for children to have fun participating in focus groups where they will have an opportunity to share their thoughts on various topics and/or test new product ideas to help Crayola develop the best products for our kids.

Crayola is currently seeking **children between 2 and 17 years old** for upcoming focus groups. If you have any children or know of any children who would like to participate

please visit <https://www.crayola.com/advisorypanel> for more information and to register for the advisory panel.

Forks Twp Recreation Activities & Events

Upcoming Activities and Events

The Forks Township Recreation Department offers a host of activities for residents and non-residents alike. For more information on upcoming activities and events as well as all the Forks Recreation department offerings please visit the Forks Township Recreation website at www.forkstownship.org/recreation.

Membership

Now Accepting 2023 Annual Dues

We are now collecting annual dues for 2023. The dues cost is a very reasonable \$20.00 pp, or \$30 for a family (immediate family only), for the entire 2023 calendar year. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your current membership (if you have not already done so) and help support the Forks Area Art Society future endeavors. A membership form can be obtained on our website www.forksart.org

Member Benefits at the Cottage!

Please Note: We are NOT currently accepting donated frames and art books for our members. We have so many nice frames and books already. If you are a member needs a frame(s) for your artwork please feel free to contact us at info@forksart.org or stop by the Cottage during one of our activities there.

Several benefits of being a Forks Area Art Society member include very reasonable, classroom space for teaching small group and individual art classes at the Cottage. We have an art library that contains over 100 art instruction and subject books available for use, on loan, to our members. We also have several dozen used art frames that members may have for free if a frame is needed for a piece they have completed. Please contact us at info@forksart.org for more information on these great benefits.

Sponsorship Opportunities

FAAS is pleased to offer sponsorship opportunities for our group. Please contact us for more information on the benefits that your sponsorship will provide. Sponsorships offer opportunities for people and businesses to help FAAS continue to grow and prosper. Please consider helping by becoming a FAAS sponsor or recommending us to organizations or companies who may be interested in helping. The Forks Area Art Society is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, registered in the state of Pennsylvania. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Our Current Sponsors...

We want to thank all the businesses that have so generously donated money or materials to the Forks Area Art Society over the past year. They include:



Social Media

FAAS Website: www.forksart.org

The Forks Area Art Society's website can be found at www.forksart.org. **We are making a page available to support our artist members where they can list the type of artwork they specialize in along with their contact information.** Please email us at info@forksart.org to provide your information for your listing on the page. Be sure to check it out and let us know what you think and if you have any suggestions.

Facebook

The Forks Area Art Society page is available on Facebook. To join, visit www.facebook.com/forksareaartsociety and click the "Like" button. Don't forget to share the page with your friends. If you wish to share some of your work or work of other artists you may know please feel free to post it for others to enjoy!

InstaGram

The Forks Area Art Society is also available on Instagram. To join, search for @forksartsociety and select “Follow”. Please be sure to share your art work or news of art events in the area.

FAAS Committees

If you would like to get involved with FAAS and help the organization grow and expand we have the following committees. If you would like to join a committee, please email us at info@forksart.org for more information.

Cottage Exhibits/Shows: Charlie Hanson

Programs: Erik Chuss, Lilly Wunderly

Art Festivals & Events: Edie DeProfio, Bob Jordan, Dave Seiple, Charlie Hanson, Joe Swartz, Lilly Wunderly, Cathie Fly, and Erik Chuss

Membership: Bob Jordan, Edie DeProfio

Newsletter/Website: Erik Chuss, Cathie Fly

Publicity/Social Media: Lilly Wunderly, Erik Chuss

Grants/Sponsorships/Donations: Dave Seiple, Bob Jordan, Viji Narasimhan

Holiday Party: Edie DeProfio, Charlie Hanson

2023 Board Members and Officers

President: **Erik Chuss**

Vice-President: **Dave Seiple**

Secretary: **Edie DeProfio**

Treasurer: **Bob Jordan**

Board Member: **Cathie Fly**

Board Member: **Charles Hanson**

Board Member: **Viji Narasimhan**

Board Member: **Joe Swartz**

Board Member: **Lilly Wunderly**



Original artwork makes great gifts! Please consider purchasing or commissioning a unique and special piece from any of our amazingly talented local artists.

